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1. Four underground gasoline reservoirs, each 12 m long and 16 m in diameter, are being built in a wooded section near a pond between Kladno (N51/L59) and Lany (N51/L48). It is believed that this is a military installation. It is being connected by rail with the "Letiste" railroad station.
2. A pipeline is being built in great haste for the transport of fuel oil from Gbely (P49/S85) to the Apollo Refinery in Bratislava. The line consists of two pipes, one 300mm in diameter, the other 500mm in diameter. Work is being done by the Mannesmann Pipe Works, National Corporation, of Chomutov under the supervision of Chief Mounter (sic) Toycha.
3. The Trafo II mineral gas running station about 5 km south of Hrabuvka (P50/-058) on the road between Moravska Ostrava and Mistek has been set afire by an explosion at the end of August 1950 which destroyed the entire station. The management of the Vitkovice Ironworks, which operated this running station, has no idea what caused the explosion.
4. A new factory for the production of cables has been started in Harichovce (P49/-D87). The construction, under the supervision of the Czechoslovak Building Enterprise in Bratislava, is expected to take two years for completion.

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